

Amended Claims

Claims 1-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended) Apparatus for moistening and sealing an envelope having a flap and a body, comprising:

(a) a housing in which means for moistening and means for sealing the flap to the body of the envelope are accommodated in operation;

(b) the means for moistening the flap or the body of the envelope including a tank housing portion having an body with an exterior surface tank in which liquid can be stored, which tank includes a window formed in the tank housing portion through which the level of the liquid in the tank is visible to a user of the apparatus from the exterior of the apparatus; wherein at least a portion of the tank housing portion including the window forms a portion of the apparatus housing and is movably arranged relative to, and separable from, the apparatus housing by the user and

(c) means for sealing the flap to the body of the envelope wherein in operation of the apparatus a face of the tank including the window forms part of a face of the housing and the tank is placed in a watertight channel..

Claims 7-9 (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) Apparatus according to Claim ⁶~~9~~, wherein the tank includes a portion which is generally U-shaped in cross-section.

11. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the tank includes a first portion accommodating at least one wick for transporting liquid to the flap or the body of the envelope, and a second portion including an opening for use in filling the tank with liquid.

12. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the tank is movably arranged such that the second portion including the opening can be exposed outside of the housing.

13. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the window is part of the second